

The FCC should reject NAB's petition 04-160 which would prevent satellite radio from providing "locally oriented" services.

I subscribe to satellite radio because it provides a wide selection of music without commercials. As a small part of its service, XM Satellite Radio provides traffic and weather reports for San Francisco, where I live.

The FM radio stations here have extremely narrow playlists -- with the same selection of songs being played over and over -- and have so many commercials they are impossible to listen to.

Satellite radio deserves to be given every possible chance to compete with AM and FM radio in order to provide better programming. Also, satellite radio can provide listeners all over the country with a wider variety of programming.

If the corporations which control AM and FM radio want to stop listeners from subscribing to satellite radio, they should improve their programming and reduce the number of commercials. They shouldn't be allowed to try to stop satellite radio by limiting the services it can provide.